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The Oracle

Newsletter of the Silver Springs Radio Club

Oldest Radio Club in Marion County, FL



May 2022

President's Message

Bill Gillespie, KW5BG

I hope everyone is doing well. Our summer tailgate, at Green Clover Hall, is only a few weeks away. If you want to help please sign up online. Details can be found on our website, but admission is free and spots are only \$5!

Field Day is coming up June 25-26. Elbert will give us an update on our preparations during the May Membership Meeting. There are lots of ways to participate, so come and figure out where you fit in. The more the merrier! This is a good way to be sure you're ready for the next subject!

We are entering hurricane season. Being prepared is important, which includes your house and family. Of course, this is in addition to your radio, antenna and alternate power capabilities. The old standard used to be having 72 hours of supplies available, but that has now been expanded to 7 days. Our club also supports the local ARES group and they can use all the help we can give them. Part of that assistance is being trained in different aspects of their support of outside agencies. If you need help in learning their requirements, contact Hayden, N2HAY, and feel free to participate in the Wed evening (1930L) ARES/SKYWARN net.

You can keep up to date on weather using this website. While run by a private individual, it is a good place to get information from several different sources - <https://spaghettimodels.com/> (also known as Mike's Weather Page). Below is forecast information gathered from the Colorado State University Tropical Research Project. Looks like it might be a busy season in the Atlantic.

See Chart Next Page

We are still looking for programs for the fall, so if you have an idea for one, please let us know. Or better yet, if you would like to present one, we can certainly use those as well!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting Tuesday night!

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 17

Green Clover Hall

319 SE 26th Terrace, Ocala

6:00 PM Mentoring & Socializing

7:00 PM Meeting

Ed Fong WB6IQN Antennas

SSRC Board of Directors first Tuesday, 7:00 PM,
Green Clover Hall

Upcoming Events

SSRC Tailgate — June 4 (GCH)

Field Day — June 25-26

VE Testing — July 12

**Silver Springs
Radio Club Net**

K4GSO Repeater

Mondays at 7:30 PM

146.610, PL 123

ATLANTIC BASIN SEASONAL HURRICANE FORECAST FOR 2022

| Forecast Parameter and 1991–2020 Average (in parentheses) | Issue Date 7 April 2022 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Named Storms (NS) (14.4) | 19 |
| Named Storm Days (NSD) (69.4) | 90 |
| Hurricanes (H) (7.2) | 9 |
| Hurricane Days (HD) (27.0) | 35 |
| Major Hurricanes (MH) (3.2) | 4 |
| Major Hurricane Days (MHD) (7.4) | 9 |
| Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) (123) | 160 |
| Net Tropical Cyclone Activity (NTC) (135%) | 170 |

PROBABILITIES FOR AT LEAST ONE MAJOR (CATEGORY 3-4-5) HURRICANE LANDFALL ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING COASTAL AREAS:

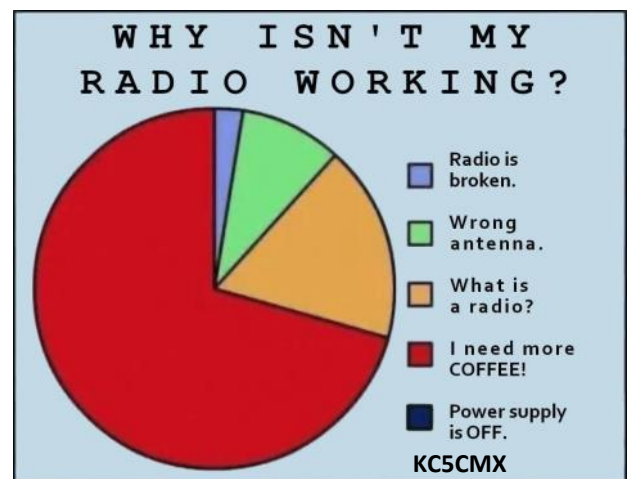
- 1) Entire continental U.S. coastline - 71% (average for last century is 52%)
- 2) U.S. East Coast Including Peninsula Florida - 47% (average for last century is 31%)
- 3) Gulf Coast from the Florida Panhandle westward to Brownsville - 46% (average for last century is 30%)

PROBABILITY FOR AT LEAST ONE MAJOR (CATEGORY 3-4-5) HURRICANE TRACKING INTO THE CARIBBEAN (10-20°N, 88-60°W)

- 1) 60% (average for last century is 42%)

**Chatting with Chewy, K9PUP**

Carl Berry, KC5CMX

**[HOW TO SPOT A FAKE WEBSITE VIDEO](#)****[Watch Out for Scams](#)****Calculating the proper number of radios in a shack...**

There is actually a proven formula for the optimum number of radios in a shack:

"let O = Optimal number of radios, therefore $O = n + 1$ where n = number of radio's already in the shack"

See? it's proper science and all!

73's D.E M7FES (Submitted by KC5CMX)

Membership/Events

Elbert Wilkinson, KQ3K, Membership & Events Chairman

HELP WANTED - TAILGATE JUNE 4, 2022:

Our Tailgate is ON! As discussed in last month's Oracle and the General Meeting, we will be having a tailgate in the Green Clover Hall parking lot on Saturday, June 4, 2022. The event will run from 9:00am to Noon. Tailgate vendor spots are \$5. All tailgater vendors are responsible for their own displays: tables, chairs, etc. Tailgate sale items are limited to radio and radio related items. Now is the time to open and poke through all those boxes of "stuff" that you couldn't part with before and offer them for sale to someone who will appreciate them a lot more. You don't want your heirs to do this for you...right?

We have sent email flyers to the area radio clubs – the same ones we send info on Hamfest! Since this is our "first" standalone tailgate (at least that I am aware of) we are hoping for a good turnout to once again showcase SSRC. The Tailgate has also been posted on the club Facebook page and Carl, KC5CMX, is reporting a lot of interest including from folks who want to sell other stuff. That will not be allowed as that was not part of the representation we made to County for the use of the facility. It is for Amateur Radio related items only. To help make this a successful event, we need some folks to help park the tailgaters and maintain good order. More information will follow at the General Meeting on the 17th.

FIELD DAY 2022

It is hard to believe, but field day will be here in about six weeks. Mark the dates: June 25 and 26. Once again we will be inside at Green Clover Hall. This is a great event to participate in various roles. We need folks to help set up on Friday evening, Saturday morning, radio operators and takedown on Sunday afternoon. More details to follow at the May General Meeting, June Oracle and the Field Day operation plan at the June General Meeting. In the interim, you can sign up here if you are interested in working Field Day, please sign up here: <https://k4gso.us/fieldday22/> All operating times and modes are on a first come first reserved basis. As of today, there are five who have committed. Don't delay and get left out!

HAMFEST 2022:

Save the date – December 2nd for setup and December 3rd for Hamfest. Location will again be at First Christian Church, Ocala. Preliminary plans are already completed. Once we get through Field Day, things will spin up. Stay tuned to *The Oracle* and club meetings for more details as we get closer to the event.



Silver Springs Radio Club

'22 TAILGATE

DATE: June 4th, 2022

TIME: 9:00 to Noon (setup at 8:00)

LOCATION: Green Clover Hall Parking Lot
319 SE 26th Terrace
Ocala, FL

ADMISSION: **FREE!!! FREE!!! FREE!!!**

VENDOR FEE: \$5.00 / TAILGATE SPACE

- Clean out your shack, open those old boxes & sell your unused radio and radio related items
- All tailgaters responsible for their own tables, chairs, canopies, etc. to display their items
- Coffee and doughnuts available for sale while supplies last
- All proceeds to help fund our new DMR repeater being installed at Green Clover Hall



<https://k4gso.us/2022/04/tailgate-june-4th/>

CQ WPX CW
May 28 - 29, 2022
0000 UTC Saturday -- 2359 UTC
Sunday

Grants to Amateur Radio Organizations



The ARRL Foundation grants program awards limited funding to organizations for eligible amateur radio related projects and initiatives, particularly those with a focus on educating, licensing, and supporting Amateur Radio activities. Youth-based projects and initiatives are especially encouraged.

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Submitted by Andy, NA4DA

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